

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended): A composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium comprising water and having a basic pH, at least one oxidation dye and an alkalinizing agent, wherein the alkalinizing agent comprises at least one metasilicate selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline-earth metal [[or]] and ammonium metasilicates and at least one alkanolamine, wherein the weight ratio of metasilicate to alkanolamine is between 0.1 and 2.

2. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, comprising sodium metasilicate.

3. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the alkanolamine is selected from the group consisting of monoethanolamine, triethanolamine, monoisopropanolamine, diisopropanolamine, N-dimethylamino-ethanolamine, 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol, triisopropanolamine, 2-amino-2-methyl-1,3-propanediol, 3-amino-1,2-propanediol, 3-dimethylamino-1,2-propanediol and trishydroxy-methylaminomethane.

4. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, comprising monoethanolamine.

5. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the alkalinizing agent comprises from 0.1 to 6% by weight of metasilicate relative to the total weight of the composition.

6. (Original): The composition according to claim 5, wherein the alkalinizing agent comprises from 0.5 to 5% by weight of metasilicate relative to the total weight of the composition.

7. (Original): The composition according to claim 6, wherein the alkalinizing agent comprises from 1 to 3% by weight of metasilicate relative to the total weight of the composition.

8. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the alkalinizing agent comprises from 0.1 to 8% by weight of alkanolamine relative to the total weight of the composition.

9. (Original): The composition according to claim 8, wherein the alkalinizing agent comprises from 0.5 to 6% by weight of alkanolamine relative to the total weight of the composition.

10. (Original): The composition according to claim 9, wherein the alkalinizing agent comprises from 1 to 5.5% by weight of alkanolamine relative to the total weight of the composition.

11. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein its pH is from 7.2 to 13.

12. (Original): The composition according to claim 11, wherein its pH is from 8.5 to 11.5.

13. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the oxidation dye is selected from the group consisting of oxidation bases and couplers.

14. (Original): The composition according to claim 13, comprising at least one oxidation base.

15. (Original): The composition according to claim 14, wherein the oxidation base is selected from the group consisting of ortho- and para-phenylenediamines, double bases, ortho- and para-aminophenols, heterocyclic bases and their addition salts with an acid.

16. (Original): The composition according to claim 13, comprising at least one coupler selected from the group consisting of meta-aminophenols, meta-phenylenediamines, meta-diphenols, naphthols, indole derivatives, indoline derivatives, sesamol and its derivatives, pyridine derivatives, pyrazolotriazole derivatives, pyrazolones, indazoles, benzimidazoles, benzothiazoles, benzoxazoles, 1,3-benzodioxoles, quinolines and their addition salts with an acid.

17. (Original): The composition according to claim 15, wherein the addition salts with an acid are selected from the group consisting of the hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, sulphates, tartrates, lactates and acetates.

18. (Original): The composition according to claim 16, wherein the addition salts with an acid are selected from the group consisting of the hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, sulphates, tartrates, lactates and acetates.

19. (Original): The composition according to claim 14, wherein the at least one oxidation base is present at a concentration ranging from 0.0005 to 12% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

20. (Original): The composition according to claim 13, comprising at least one coupler.

21. (Original): The composition according to claim 20, wherein the at least one coupler is present at a concentration between 0.0001 and 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

22. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the cosmetically acceptable medium further comprises at least one organic solvent.

23. (Original): The composition according to claim 22, wherein the at least one organic solvent is present in a proportion ranging from 1 to 40% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

24. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, further comprising at least one cationic polymer in a proportion of 0.05 to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, and further comprising at least one nonionic surfactant in a proportion of 0.1 to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

25. (Original): A ready-to-use composition comprising the composition of claim 1.

26. (Original): The composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises hydrogen peroxide.

27. (Currently Amended): A method for dyeing human keratinous fibres comprising: mixing a composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium comprising water and having a basic pH, at least one oxidation dye and an alkalinizing agent, wherein the alkalinizing agent comprises at least one metasilicate selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline-earth metal [[or]] and ammonium metasilicates and at least one alkanolamine, with an oxidizing composition; and applying the mixture obtained to the fibres, after which the fibres are rinsed, washed with shampoo, rinsed again and dried, the oxidizing

composition comprising hydrogen peroxide or a compound capable of releasing hydrogen peroxide in situ, or an oxidoreduction enzyme.

28. (Original): The method of claim 27, wherein the mixture applied to the fibers is allowed to act on the fibers for 3 to 50 minutes before rinsing.

29. (Original): The method of claim 27, wherein the mixture applied to the fibers is allowed to act on the fibers for 5 to 30 minutes before rinsing.

30. (Original): The method of claim 27, wherein said fibers are human hair.

31-32. (Canceled).

33. (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of metasilicate to alkanolamine is between 0.2 and 2.